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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 5529

MASERU FOR SCHAUFEELE ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN, PFOR

SUBJECT: SA VISA FOR MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

PERCY SUTTON

REF: PRETORIA 5514

1. I FINALLY GOT THROUGH TO INTERIOR MINISTER MULDER WHO CONFIRMED THAT THE SUTTON VISA HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN, AND NO RECONSIDERATION POSSIBLE. MULDER SAID MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN CABINET ALONG WITH SERIES OF ANTI-SOUTH AFRICAN STATEMENTS MADE IN RECENT DAYS. HE NOTED THAT SAG REACTION IS SETTING IN TO BOMBARDMENT OF HOSTILE STATEMENTS. SAG HAS HAD AN OVERDOSE OF PEOPLE TRYING TO DICTATE INTERNAL POLICY FOR SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE OUTSIDERS WHO HAVE COME TO SOUTH AFRICA WITH THEIR MINDS MADE UP AND PREPARED TO DENOUNCE THE SAG ON ITS OWN SOIL. SAG COULD NOT EXTEND ITS HOSPITALITY TO SUCH PEOPLE.

2. MULDER WAS CAREFUL TO REFUTE ARGUMENT THAT SAG IS DENYING VISAS TO SOME AMERICANS BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE. HE SAID THAT CONGRESSMAN DIGGS HAD RECEIVED A VISA AND CONGRESSMAN YOUNG COULD HAVE ONE ANY TIME HE DESIRES. HE EMPHASIZED THAT EACH CASE IS CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS. REQUESTS FOR VISAS BY AMERICAN REGULAR PASSPORT HOLDERS RETURNING FROM MASERU WILL BE REVIEWED ON THIS

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